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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Shannon Baxter, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETINGS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SOCIETAL
BENEFITS COMPONENTS OF THE HYDROGEN HIGHWAY
BLUEPRINT PLAN

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) staff, in partnership with industry representatives and stakeholders, will conduct public meetings on August 12th and 13th, 2004, to obtain public comment on the Public Education and Societal Benefits components of the Hydrogen Highway Blueprint Plan.

August 12, 2004 – Public Education Public Meeting

The August 12th public meeting will be dedicated to Public Education to support implementation of a statewide network of hydrogen fueling stations. During the meeting, the Team will present initial considerations for the communications plan, and a panel of industry representatives will share communication strategies and lessons learned in their area of expertise. This public meeting will be structured to help the Public Education Team gather information, and learn from industry experts and the general public who may have insight and experience critical for the development of the Hydrogen Highway communications plan.

August 13, 2004 – Societal Benefits Public Meeting

The August 13th public meeting will be dedicated to Societal Benefits of hydrogen used in transportation. Specifically, the Societal Benefits Team contractor will present the technology assessment that quantifies the criteria pollutant, toxic air contaminant, and greenhouse gas impacts of hydrogen used in transportation as well as evaluating the petroleum dependence benefits associated with hydrogen. The Societal Benefits Team will also discuss potential policies that could be implemented to encourage the use of hydrogen transportation options that provide the greatest societal benefits.

The meetings will be held at the following times and location, and will be Web cast:

Meeting: Public Education Public Meeting
Date: August 12, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)
Diamond Bar Auditorium
21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765

Meeting: Societal Benefits Public Meeting
Date: August 13, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: SCAQMD
Diamond Bar Auditorium
21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765

The agenda and meeting documents will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Govt. Code Section 54954.2(a)). Disability-related accommodations will also be made available to allow participation in the public meetings. Any accommodations must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated to the extent feasible. Please contact Vicki White at (909) 396-3436 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to vwhite@aqmd.gov.

Directions to the SCAQMD may be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/map/dir2.html>. For information on the Hydrogen Highway initiative, or Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order, please visit www.HydrogenHighway.ca.gov. This Web site will be updated regularly with information applicable to these, and other Topic Team public meetings, including Web cast information. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the Hydrogen Highway Blueprint Plan, please join the list serve at: <http://www.hydrogenhighway.ca.gov/sub2hwy.html>.

If you have any questions about the Public Education meeting, please contact Ms. Melissa Meuser at (916) 327-2950. Ms. Eileen Tutt may be contacted at (916) 445-8897 for questions about the Societal Benefits meeting.

Public meetings for the other topic teams are scheduled as follows:

Topic Team	Date	Location	Contact
Implementation Team	August 31, 2004	Sacramento, California	Rick Margolin (310) 829-5568 x243
Economy Team	September 14, 2004	Diamond Bar, California	Daniel Emmett (310) 829-1229 x221
Blueprint & Timeline	October 7, 2004	Sacramento, California	Eileen Tutt (916) 445-8897